

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

MARC A. PARKER,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHIGURUPATI RAMANA, MD,

et al.

Defendants.

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Case No. CIV-20-873-G

ORDER

The Court is receipt of the Notice of Bankruptcy Filing (Doc. No. 36) submitted by Plaintiff Marc A. Parker on March 3, 2021, and advising that Defendant Chigurupati Ramana, MD, has filed for Chapter 13 bankruptcy. While 11 U.S.C. § 362 extends the automatic-stay provisions of the Bankruptcy Code to the bankruptcy “debtor,” the rule followed in the Tenth Circuit and by the majority of other circuits is that the stay provision does not extend to the debtor’s codefendants. *See Fortier v. Dona Anna Plaza Partners*, 747 F.2d 1324, 1330 (10th Cir. 1984). A narrow exception to the rule has been recognized, *see Okla. Federated Gold & Numismatics, Inc. v. Blodgett*, 24 F.3d 136, 141 (10th Cir. 1994), but the record before the Court does not indicate that Dr. Ramana’s codefendants Naadi Healthcare, LLC (“Naadi”) and Pinnacle Interventional and Vascular Care, LLC (“Pinnacle”) would fall within that exception.

Therefore, until otherwise notified, Plaintiff’s action shall continue as to Defendant Naadi and Defendant Pinnacle. If Plaintiff and these Defendants instead desire a stay or an administrative closure of this action pending resolution of the bankruptcy proceedings,

they shall file an appropriate application with the Court within fourteen (14) days of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 1st day of April, 2021.



CHARLES B. GOODWIN
United States District Judge